



## MINUTES

### PCAPCD Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, April 13, 2017, at 2:30 PM

Placer County Board of Supervisors' Chambers

175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, California

The Board of Directors of the Placer County Air Pollution Control District met for a regular meeting at 2:30 PM, Thursday, April 13, 2017, at the Placer County Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, California.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Jim Holmes. Roll call was taken by the Clerk of the Board, with the following members in attendance: Jennifer Montgomery, Stan Nader, Jim Holmes, Robert Weygandt, Greg Janda, and Scott Alvord. A quorum was established. Tony Hesch, Daniel Berlant, and Robert Black were absent.

Representing the District were: Erik White, Air Pollution Control Officer; A.J. Nunez, Administrative Services Officer; Todd Nishikawa, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer; Bruce Springsteen, Compliance and Enforcement Section Manager; Mike Sims, Air Quality Specialist; Molly Johnson, Air Quality Specialist; Heather Selvester, Air Quality Specialist; Yu-shuo Chang, Planning and Monitoring Section Manager; Heather Kuklo, Air Quality Specialist; Ann Hobbs, Air Quality Specialist; Russell Moore, I.T. Technician; and Shannon Harroun, Clerk of the Board.

**Flag Salute:** Led by Director Scott Alvord

#### **Clerk's Statement of Meeting Procedures**

**Approval of Minutes:** February 9, 2017 Regular Meeting

Motion: Montgomery/Alvord

**Action: Unanimously approved (Robert Weygandt abstained)**

**Public Comment:** No public comment

#### **Consent: Items 1 and 2**

- 1. Hearing Board Appointment.** *Appointed Mr. D. Steven Parks as a Public at Large representative to the Placer County Air Pollution Control District Hearing Board for a term of three years, until the term expiration of April 13, 2020.*

Motion: Montgomery/Weygandt

**Action: Unanimously approved**

- 2. REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION ~~Amendment to Placer County Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors' Administrative Rules and Regulations.~~** *Adopt changes to the Placer County Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors' Administrative Rules and Regulations as presented. A two thirds majority vote is needed to approve any changes to the Board of Directors' Administrative Rules and Regulations.*

Motion to remove Item 2 from Consent agenda: Weygandt/Montgomery

**Mr. Erik White, APCO, requested to defer action on Item 2 to the June 8, 2017 Board meeting agenda in order to make some wording changes for further clarity.**

**Action: Item 3**

- 3. Approval of the 2017 Clean Air Grant Recommended Projects.** *Adopted Resolution #17-01, thereby authorizing the expenditure of DMV Motor Vehicle Registration Funds and Air Quality Mitigation Funds for Clean Air Grant projects, as shown in Resolution Exhibit I, and authorizing the Air Pollution Control Officer to negotiate, sign, and amend as needed, grant agreements and contracts.*

Ms. Heather Kuklo presented the 2017 Clean Air Grant program, and shared the program's goals of offsetting emissions from motorized vehicles and other sources, supporting air attainment plans, promoting public awareness of air quality, and reducing open burning and catastrophic wildfire through lower emission alternatives. The amount of funds available for the CAG program this year is \$852,894, of which \$675,000 is from DMV, and \$177,894 is from western mitigation funds. There are no eastern mitigation funds this year.

Ms. Kuklo explained the project application review process, and stated that seven of the thirteen applications received are being recommended for funding this year, with emission reductions for the recommended projects at 32.6 tons of NOx, 3.62 tons of ROG, and 1.35 tons of PM. Five of the recommended projects are in the heavy duty on and off-road category, and two are in the other innovative projects category. The CAG funds recommended to be provided by the District are at \$752,894, compared to \$1,141,991 in funding that is to be provided by the applicants. The average cost effectiveness of all the recommended projects is an average of \$20,077/ton of emission reduction. There is a \$100,000 balance remaining in western mitigation funds, which the District recommends to be rolled over to next year's CAG program.

Ms. Kuklo previewed possible guideline changes for the 2018 CAG program, including an expected significant increase in the cost effectiveness limit, depending on the project type; increased incentive amounts for near zero and zero emission vehicles and equipment, as well associated infrastructure; and alternative fuel infrastructure projects expected to be eligible for AB 923 funds.

Ms. Kuklo concluded by recommending approval of Resolution 17-01, and its Exhibit 1, which lists the projects recommended for the 2017 CAG program.

Members of the public commented regarding the Clean Air Grant program board item. Mr. Jim Scribner, Eastern Regional Landfill; Mr. Brian Coyle, Sierra Pacific Industries; and Mr. David Melko, Placer County Transportation Planning Agency complimented Ms. Kuklo on her assistance and administration of the program, and expressed gratitude to the District and the Board for the opportunity.

Motion: Montgomery/Janda

**Action: Unanimously Approved**

#### **Information: Items 4 and 5**

**4. Overview of the Regional Spare the Air Program.** *No action requested. This is an information item to provide an overview of the Regional Spare the Air Program.*

Ms. Ann Hobbs presented an overview of the regional Spare the Air Program, which the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District manages for the air districts in the Sacramento federal ozone nonattainment area. The District provides a match to the funding for the program. The program is aimed at reducing summertime air pollution, providing information to the public about air quality forecasts and ozone pollution's health effects, and reducing driving on days when unhealthy air is predicted. Daily Spare the Air alerts are sent to 18,068 subscribers via e-mail (1,846 in Placer County), and through the website. Alerts are also made as necessary through the mobile phone application, television and radio commercials, and bulletin boards, based on budget and media availability. The website, at [www.sparetheair.com](http://www.sparetheair.com), provides resources for daily forecasts, current conditions, historical data, and wildfire smoke support. The program also provides outreach in the form of printed materials, Spare the Air partners which distribute these materials, social media, and events, at which the Spare the Air mascot Scooter will often participate. The program's effectiveness is evaluated annually using scientific polling.

Ms. Hobbs shared that in 2015, the federal ozone health standard was lowered due to scientific studies that showed greater health effects at lower levels, especially for the young and elderly. In 2016, during the summer smog season, there were 17 Spare the Air days. This was a substantial increase from recent years due to the lowered standard level. The number of trips avoided by summer time seasonal reducers translated into a reduction of .95 tons per day of ozone precursors during the summer of 2016, which is .09 tons per day more than in the summer of 2015.

**5. Effective Compliance: Ensuring a Level Playing Field.** *No action requested. This is an information item to provide an overview of the Compliance and Enforcement Section's activities.*

Mr. Bruce Springsteen described the responsibilities of the Districts' Compliance and Enforcement Section, which include ensuring compliance with District rules and air pollution permits, and delegated State and Federal laws and regulations, as directed in the District's Mission Statement, and for responding to citizen complaints regarding air pollution. The

Compliance and Enforcement Section staff includes a program manager, three full time air pollution specialists, and three part time extra help specialists. It also receives support from the Planning and Monitoring section's air pollution specialists.

Mr. Springsteen introduced staff, Mike Sims, Molly Johnson, and Heather Selvester, to provide overviews of the Section's four general program areas. Ms. Johnson provided information regarding the District's procedures for routine stationary source inspections, which includes minor sources, synthetic minor sources, and Major/Title V sources, as well as portable engines and equipment. Mr. Sims provided an overview of the District's public complaint response program, which includes complaints received for odor, smoke from burning, dust, chemicals, and unpermitted equipment. Mr. Springsteen spoke regarding the District's enforcement resolution process, which may include violation notices, monetary penalties, and a settlement procedure. Ms. Selvester detailed how the District assists air pollution sources with compliance through proactive engagement and educational outreach, including performing Authority to Construct inspections, providing recordkeeping and inspection forms and checklists, patrols, courtesy evaluations, information on the District's website, and cooperation with other agencies, such as Placer County Environmental Health, Agricultural, and Building Departments.

Director Alvord asked about the quantity of violations, and Mr. Springsteen provided an estimate of about one-third burning related, one-third dust, and one-third from permitted sources. Director Nader recounted a positive experience he had with dust complaints in his jurisdiction which were resolved by the District.

### **Air Pollution Control Officer Report**

#### **A. Cap-to-Cap Air Quality Team Preview**

Mr. Erik White previewed the Sacramento Metro Chamber sponsored Capital-to-Capital trip to Washington, D.C., April 28<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup>. He will be participating on the Air Quality team, and the key discussions will be regarding advocacy to maintain support for state and local funding at current levels. Other priority topics will include biomass, forest health, regional resiliency, and voluntary clean air incentives.

#### **B. Summary of Staff Input to Statewide Climate Activities and Legislation**

Mr. White updated the Board regarding the District's involvement in State climate policy documents under development, including the California Air Resources Board (ARB) Scoping Plan and Short Lived Climate Pollutant Plan, the California EPA Forest Carbon Plan, and the California Energy Commission's Electric Program Investment Charge incentive program. Mr. White also outlined key legislation currently being considered, including AB 920, the California Renewable Portfolio Standards Program, and extension of the State's Cap-and-Trade program. In addition, the District is providing support for Sacramento to be designated as a "clean city" in the Volkswagen settlement funding program. Mr. White added that the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District has

expressed interest in receiving our District's allocation of funds under the ARB Woodstove funding program currently being developed.

C. Fiscal update – financial report provided at meeting

Ms. AJ Nunez updated the Board regarding the District's current personnel recruitment for an Engineering Assistant, due to John Finnell's retirement on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Nunez then reported that at the end of month 9, the District is 36.7% under budget for expenditures and 22.3% above budget for revenues. The District has received 92% of budgeted revenue, and spent 47% of budgeted expenditures.

**Meeting Adjournment at 3:50 pm**

**Minutes prepared by:**



Shannon Harroun, Clerk of the Board

**Minutes approved by Board of Directors:**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board

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Date